

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Currently amended): The oral cavity of Claim 6+, wherein at least one of the upper and lower portions comprises a poseable material.

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 63, wherein at least one of the upper member and the lower member comprises a poseable material disposed between the respective upper exterior and upper interior surfaces and between the lower exterior and lower interior surfaces such that the main member is poseable.

Claim 5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Currently amended): AThe manipulative tool comprising:
a main member comprising:

an upper exterior surface joined to an upper interior surface to form an upper member, wherein the upper member comprises a first upper proximal end joined to a first upper distal end;

a lower exterior surface joined to a lower interior surface to form a lower member, wherein the lower member comprises a first lower proximal end joined to a first lower distal end; and

a connecting region wherein the connecting region joins the first upper distal end to the first lower distal end, wherein the connecting region comprises a first opening; and

a tongue comprising:

a front side joined to a back side;

a poseable material disposed between the front and back sides;

wherein the tongue is disposed within the first opening;
an upper lip joined to the first upper proximal end of the upper member; and
a lower lip joined to the first lower proximal end of the lower member;
wherein the upper and lower lip each comprises a front side joined to a back side such
that a cavity is formed between the front and back sides, and further wherein at least one
of the upper and lower lips comprises:
a lip adjustor disposed on at least one of the respective upper lip and lower lip for
changing a configuration of the respective upper lip and lower lip, of Claim 5, wherein
the lip adjustor(s) comprises:
a first cord disposed along a length of the cavity of the respective lip,
wherein the first cord comprises:
a first terminal end secured to a first point in the cavity of the
respective lip; and
a second terminal end extending outwardly from the cavity of the
respective lip;
a first toggle disposed on a portion of the first cord extending outwardly
away from the cavity of the respective lip;
a second cord disposed along the length of the cavity of the respective lip,
wherein the second cord comprises:
a first terminal end secured to a second point in the cavity of the
respective lip; and
a second terminal end extending outwardly from the cavity of the
respective lip; and
a second toggle disposed on a portion of the second cord extending
outwardly away from the cavity of the respective lip.

Claim 7. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 63, wherein the manipulative tool further comprises a pair of eyes, a pair of eyebrows, a nose, or a combination comprising at least one of the foregoing disposed on the upper exterior surface.

Claim 8. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 63, wherein the connecting region is a fold that continuously joins the upper member to the lower member.

Claim 9. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 63, wherein the tongue is slideably and removably engaged with the first opening.

Claim 10. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 63, further comprising an oral cavity comprising:

an upper portion disposed on the upper interior surface of the upper member;
an upper row of teeth disposed on a surface of the upper portion opposite to the upper member;
a lower portion disposed on the lower interior surface of the lower member; and
a lower row of teeth disposed on a surface of the lower portion opposite to the lower member.

Claim 11. (Original): The manipulative tool of Claim 10, wherein the oral cavity further comprises an alveolar ridge disposed on the surface of the upper portion.

Claim 12. (Original): The manipulative tool of Claim 10, wherein at least one of the upper portion and the lower portion comprises a poseable material.

Claim 13. (Currently amended): ~~A~~ The manipulative tool comprising of Claim 10, wherein:

a main member comprising:

an upper exterior surface joined to an upper interior surface to form an upper member, wherein the upper member comprises a first upper proximal end joined to a first upper distal end;

a lower exterior surface joined to a lower interior surface to form a lower member, wherein the lower member comprises a first lower proximal end joined to a first lower distal end; and

a connecting region wherein the connecting region joins the first upper distal end to the first lower distal end, wherein the connecting region comprises a first opening;

a tongue comprising:

a front side joined to a back side; and

a poseable material disposed between the front and back sides;

wherein the tongue is disposed within the first opening; and

an oral cavity comprising:

an upper portion disposed on the upper interior surface of the upper member, wherein the upper portion comprises a back side joined to a front side to form a U-shaped structure, wherein the U-shaped structure comprises:

a concave end forming a second upper proximal end; and

a planar end forming a second upper distal end;

wherein the second upper proximal end is joined to the second upper distal end;

an upper row of teeth disposed on a surface of the upper portion opposite to the upper member;

a lower portion disposed on the lower interior surface of the lower member, wherein the lower portion comprises a back side joined to a front side to form a U-shaped structure, wherein the U-shaped structure comprises:

a concave end forming a second lower proximal end; and

a planar end forming a second lower distal end;

wherein the second lower proximal end is joined to the second lower distal end;

a lower row of teeth disposed on a surface of the lower portion opposite to the lower member; and further wherein the oral cavity comprises

a transition element joining the second upper distal end to the second lower distal end, wherein the transition element comprises a second opening aligned with the first opening of the connecting region of the main member.

Claim 14. (Original): The manipulative tool of Claim 13, wherein the tongue is slideably and removably engageable with the first and second openings.

Claim 15. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 13, wherein at least one of the back sides of the upper portion and/or the lower portion of the oral cavity comprises a fastening means compatible with a fastening means located on the respective upper interior surface and/or lower interior surface of the main member, whereby the oral cavity is secured to the main member.

Claim 16. (Original): The manipulative tool of Claim 15, wherein the oral cavity is removable from the main member.

Claim 17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Currently amended): AThe manipulative tool comprising:
a main member comprising:

an upper exterior surface joined to an upper interior surface to form an upper member, wherein the upper member comprises an upper proximal end joined to an upper distal end;

a lower exterior surface joined to a lower interior surface to form a lower member, wherein the lower member comprises a lower proximal end joined to a lower distal end; and

a connecting region wherein the connecting region joins the upper distal end to the lower distal end;

an upper lip joined to the upper proximal end of the upper member;

a lower lip joined to the lower proximal end of the lower member;

wherein the upper and lower lip each comprises a front side joined to a back side such that a cavity is formed between the front and back sides, and further wherein at least one of the upper and lower lips comprises a lip adjustor for changing a configuration of the respective upper lip and lower lip of Claim 17, wherein the lip adjustor comprises:

a first cord disposed along a length of the cavity of the respective lip, wherein the first cord comprises:

a first terminal end secured to a first point in the cavity of the respective lip; and

a second terminal end extending outwardly from the cavity of the respective lip;

a first toggle disposed on a portion of the first cord extending outwardly away from the cavity of the respective lip;

a second cord disposed along the length of the cavity of the respective lip, wherein the second cord comprises:

a first terminal end secured to a second point in the cavity of the respective lip; and

a second terminal end extending outwardly from the cavity of the respective lip; and

a second toggle disposed on a portion of the second cord extending outwardly away from the cavity of the respective lip.

Claim 19. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 187, wherein the connecting region comprises an opening that extends through an exterior and an interior surface of the connecting region, and further wherein the manipulative tool comprises:

a tongue, wherein the tongue extends from the exterior surface into the interior surface of the connecting region.

Claim 20. (Currently amended): The manipulative tool of Claim 187, wherein at least one of the upper member and lower member comprises a poseable material disposed between the respective upper exterior and upper interior surfaces and between the lower exterior and lower interior surfaces.

Claim 21. (New): A manipulative tool to assist in education and training for speech and phonology, comprising:

a main member comprising an interior surface opposite to an exterior surface, and a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end;

an oral cavity comprising an upper row of teeth opposite to a lower row of teeth, wherein the oral cavity is positioned on the interior surface of the main member;

a tongue comprising a poseable material, wherein the tongue is positioned between the upper and lower rows of teeth;

an adjustable upper lip disposed on the first terminal end of the main member; and

an adjustable lower lip disposed on the second terminal end of the main member; wherein the tongue, the upper lip, and the lower lip are poseable in relation to the upper and lower rows of teeth to mimic the posture of a tongue, an upper lip, and a lower lip of an individual when the individual is making a specific linguistic sound.

Claim 22. (New): The manipulative tool of Claim 21, wherein the main member comprises a poseable material such that the main member is poseable in relation to the tongue, the upper lip, and the lower lip of the manipulative tool.

Claim 23. (New): the manipulative teaching tool of Claim 21, further comprising a plurality of indicia representing facial features disposed on the exterior surface of the main member.

Claim 24. (New): The manipulative teaching tool of Claim 21, wherein the tongue is slideable and removable.

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